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Enchanted Cinema is Bringing Bohemian Rhapsody to

Swavesey Village Green
Friday 20th September

Enjoy the fabulous, iconic film through digital wireless headphones under the stars!
(Bring your own chairs and blankets)

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- chat with friends
- let the kids play
- enjoy the heritage

Sundays 11th / 18th August
2 - 4pm

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To celebrate the end of the building works and with thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund

- visit the tower
- ring the bells
- heritage displays
- kids activities
- photo booth
- refreshments
- all day bar
- bbq
- art & craft comp
- music from the church and village

Saturday 21st September
2 pm - 9 pm

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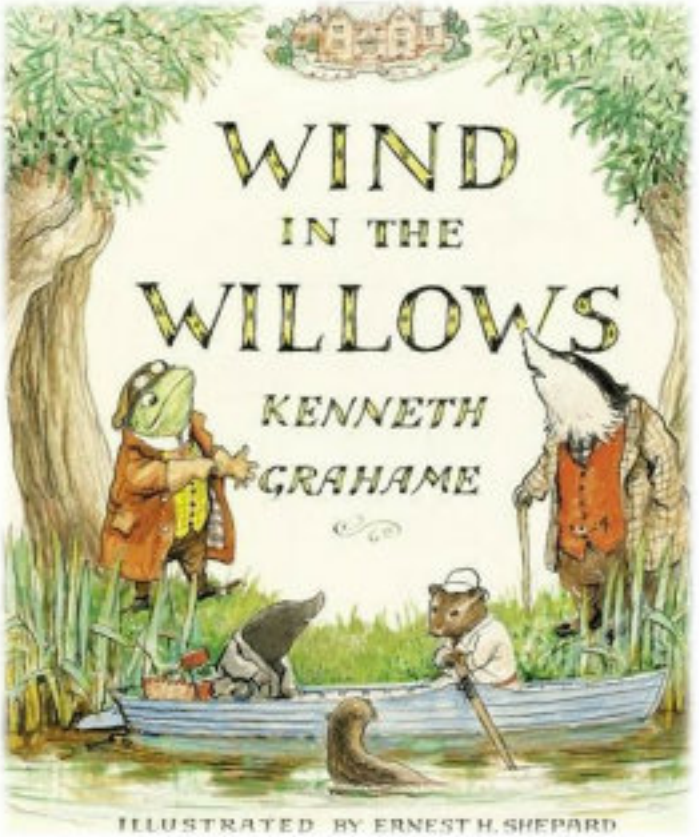

Sunday 4th August 3pm
St. Andrew's Church
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Refreshments from 2 pm

In aid of the Church fabric fund

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EDITORIAL

Summer continues! it has been a bit of an on/of summer but we still have a couple of months to enjoy f ne weather- if we get any!.

What none of us enjoy is the continuing problems of just getting around with the works on the A14! As if this was not enough of a problem for some reason we also have roadworks in local villages that we need to use to avoid the A14 and unfortunately a lot of HGVs do this as well. I know that Parish Councils are trying to prevent the big HGVs from using village roads but it is not easy.

August sees a production of “Wind in the Willows” in St Andrews Church all proceeds go to help f nance work on this Grade 1 listed building- as always once you start working on old buildings you f nd a multitude of problems that you did not know were there!

Our series “Where I grew up” is resulting in some fascinating insights, keep these coming- it may take a little while before yours is published but it will be: be patient.

A note on the website, this now displays adverts so anyone who may have thought about advertising but did not because their advert wouldn't be seen online get in touch we have some space available

DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER ISSUE IS 20 AUGUST! Editor

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Back Cover - Allotment Sale

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can conf rm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Sunday 4 August	St Andrews Church	"Wind in the Willows". 3pm in St Andrews Church. In aid of the church fabric fund
Friday 20 September	Swavesey Festival	Enchanted Cinema - Opens at 7pm with live music. Show starts at 8.15pm on Swavesey Village Green. Tickets £12.50pp from 07721 761456
Saturday 12 October	Swavesey Village College	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition - 10am - 5pm at Swavesey Village College - Free Entry
Sunday 13 October	Swavesey Village College	Cambridge Open Art Exhibition - 10am - 4pm at Swavesey Village College - Free Entry
Monday 21 October	St Andrews Church	St Andrews Family Day 2 - 9pm - To celebrate the end of the building works and with thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund
Saturday 16 November	St Andrews Church	New Cambridge Singers concert
Friday 22 November	St Andrews Church	"A Christmas Carol" Theatre performance
Saturday 30 November	St Andrews Church	Advent Craft Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August		
Thursday 1	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Sunday 4	St Andrews Church	"Wind in the Willows". 3pm in St Andrews Church. In aid of the church fabric fund
Thursday 8	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Thursday 8	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 11	St Andrews Church	St Andrews Church Café 2 - 4pm
Thursday 15	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Sunday 18	St Andrews Church	St Andrews Church Café 2 - 4pm
Monday 19	Parish Council	Full Council Meetings held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 22	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 30	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Friday)
September		
Thursday 5	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Wednesday 11	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Otters and the County Wide Survey. A Presentation by Peter Pilbeam
Thursday 12	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Thursday 12	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 14	Hale Rd Allotments	Fruit and Vegetables Sale - 12noon - 4pm at the Hale Rd Allotments
Sunday 15	Hale Rd Allotments	Fruit and Vegetables Sale - 10am - 2pm at the Hale Rd Allotments
Thursday 19	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 20	Swavesey Festival	Enchanted Cinema - Opens at 7pm with live music. Show starts at 8.15pm on Swavesey Village Green. Tickets £12.50pp from 07721 761456
Monday 23	Parish Council	Full Council Meetings held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 26	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
October		
Wednesday 9	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Hanson-RSPB Wetland Project. Creating Ouse Fen. A Presentation by Hannah Bernie From The RSPB
Thursday 10	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall

CLUB REPORTS

From the Spartans

2019 marks the 30th anniversary of Swavesey Spartans Football Club. I'd like to start my review by thanking everyone who has been involved with the Club over those years. I think we should all be very proud of how the Club has grown and what it stands for today. We all enjoyed an excellent Spartans Day where players, supporters and coaches celebrated the club and our achievements over the past season.

We continue to grow as a Club and this was the f rst year of our academy, where we are encouraging the youngest age groups to play football and coaching them as one group. This helped to grow the Club and we are looking to enter an U8 team into the league next season. We do need a coach to step forward to take on running the academy for next season to ensure we are of ering the children at that age the chance to be involved in football in Swavesey.

I would like to thank all of our coaches who have managed the teams (in some cases multiple teams) throughout this season - you all commit a lot of time to the Club and I'm sure that I speak for all of the players as well when I say that this is greatly appreciated by us all. My thanks also go to all of you involved with the Committee. I'd like to thank Mike Stokes who in his role as equipment of cer ensures that all the teams have the equipment needed to run our teams.

Matt Mullee has played a key role this year and will continue with his ef orts in liaising with various stakeholders who are helping to deliver a 4G pitch at the Village College. This will be a fantastic facility for the local community and through Matt's work, I'm sure will be of tremendous benef t to our Club. Thanks to our Treasurer, Rob Sprawson, who looks after the Club's f nances and has also been looking at ways that we can raise additional funds. We're very lucky to have Colin Baker as Secretary. Colin is diligent and works tirelessly in a sometimes-thankless role, of being the main liaison between the FA and our Club. Colin is also key in driving forward our club ethos of football for all and he is a big asset to our teams. Finally, I'd like to thank Carolyn Merricks who has the role of our Child Welfare Of cer. This is a massive role that is underestimated by people who are involved directly with the Club. It is down to Carolyn to ensure that as a Club we are aware of our responsibilities when running football activities for children and young people and Club personnel understand their 'duty of care'.

From everyone who is involved with running the Club, I would to thank all our players who have taken part this season.

Thank you all again, enjoy the Summer and we all look forward to next season.

Swavesey & District History Society

May meeting. About 45 members and visitors attended a presentation by Rev Dr Lynne Broughton, a minister at Ely Cathedral, on “The seven deadly sins (and a few lively virtues)”. This was a fast-moving talk supported by many images of statues, carvings and paintings from inside and outside churches, some of them local. Teaching of the seven deadly sins was a deliberate attempt in the Middle Ages to put people on their guard against sinful behaviour and to teach them how to live virtuously. The seven sins are pride/vanity, anger, envy/covetousness, gluttony, lust, greed/avarice and sloth. Pride is excessive belief in one's own abilities, which interferes with the individual's recognition of the grace of God and is regarded as the sin from which all others arise. The sins are patterns of character or behaviour and all are to do with exploitation of other people. Several images were shown of decorations on church doors of mortals who had sinned going into the jaws of hell at the f nal judgement. Small wooden statues at the ends of pews from the Middle Ages often depict the sins with the implied warning “this is not the behaviour to engage in”.

The seven virtues which are charity/love, hope, faith, justice, courage, humility and prudence were often depicted on mediaeval fonts and images of these along with those of stained glass in windows, statues and paintings of the virtues overcoming sins were shown. The talk then moved on to the seven corporal acts of mercy: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to give shelter to travellers, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned, and to bury the dead. These are depicted in many mediaeval images although one of the most famous is slightly later being a large Dutch oil painting from 1642 which is on display at the Dulwich Picture Gallery.

June meeting. Donna Martin, Chairman of Soham Museum, (a living history museum project), addressed over 50 members and visitors on “The Story of Soham Through its Artefacts”. Established in 1998, the museum has a website at www.sohammuseum.co.uk/ but doesn’t yet have any premises. Instead it has a dynamic outreach programme and wide variety of local and social history talks, events and activities that are held at venues across Soham throughout the year. They hold a collection of over 4,000 items of local and social interest in trust for the community of Soham and run an active research programme focussing on local history and aspects of life in the past on the East Cambridgeshire fen edge.

Donna, a historian, archaeologist and metal detectorist showed pictures of numerous locally-discovered artefacts beginning with 4 Neolithic axes from around 4,000 BC discovered at Angle Farm, Soham. These were followed by (among very many more) –

A Bronze Age (around 3,500 BC) quern stone from Soham Mere

Probably the f nest in the country Neolithic (2,400 – 1,000 BC) barbed arrowheads found in Soham Mere.

- A Bronze Age scraper found at Weatheralls School in 2017.
- A Bronze Age decapitation burial skeleton from Fordham.
- Iron Age Celtic uninscribed silver coins, 25-60 AD from Barway.
- Roman pottery and coins from a villa towards Isleham.
- Saxon belt buckles, stirrup mounts and drinking bowls.
- A Henry II Tealby penny of 1158.
- Much Mediaeval stuf .
- The 1656 Gardener map of Soham and the 1700 Inventory of Francis Trowell of Soham.
- Photographs of the Soham Rail Disaster of 2 June 1944.

WI News

Dates for your Diary.	
August 12th	Picnic on the Green.
Sept. 9th	Coco Chanel, talk by our member Carole Pook.
Oct. 14th	Chicken Wire Demonstration and Workshop by Will Ashley-Norman.

Swavesey WI meets monthly on the second Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Why not come along and join us? You will be made very welcome, lots of chat and a glass of wine, what’s not to like ladies!

You can also f nd us at Compass Cafe every second Thursday serving our famous homemade cakes and fresh cof ee.

Give Deirdre a call 01954 230897 for further details.

Recipes from the W.I. Kitchen

Iced Cucumber and Yogurt Soup

1 large cucumber , grated	Salt and pepper
275g/10oz natural yogurt	1 tablespoon f nely chopped gherkin
1 tablespoon tarragon vinegar	50g/2oz shelled prawns
2 tablespoons chopped chives	

Mix together the cucumber, yogurt,vinegar,chives,salt and pepper. Stir in the gherkin and prawns just before serving.

Apricot Tea Bread

175g/6 oz dried apricots,chopped	Pinch of ground cloves
250ml/8 f oz water	1/2 teaspoon salt
175g/6oz caster sugar	225g/8oz wholemeal f our
75g/3oz butter	1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon	2 eggs,beaten.

1. Put the apricots into a saucepan with the water,sugar,butter, spices and salt. Bring slowly to the boil,stirring and simmer gently for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool.

2. Sift the f our and soda into a bowl. Add the apricot mixture and eggs and mix well. Pour into a greased and bottom-lined 1 kg/2lb loaf tin.

3. Bake in a pre-heated moderate oven 180’C/350’F for about 1 hour or until f rm to the touch. Cool on a wire rack. Serve thinly sliced and buttered.

Practice makes perfect: Swavesey Speakers Club

Remember that speech that blew you away? There was no doubt that the person giving it was credible, trustworthy and knowledgeable. Language and speech craft can be learned and substantially improve your conf dence. That's what we do at Swavesey Speakers Club.

What do we do?

We provide a safe, supportive environment for people to improve their skills by delivering speeches they have written or trying impromptu speaking, immediately after being given a topic! We support each other by giving properly structured feedback and, for our regulars, we see substantial improvements in conf dence and skills.

In some cases, this has led to recognition from employers or has given individuals the conf dence to apply for new roles or jobs and achieve professional objectives. We have some members who began because they could see a potential benef t but came to realise far more than they originally envisaged. Can you even imagine that?

How do we do it?

We learn by doing. Practice makes perfect! Our programme can be done at whatever pace you decide and it's open to everyone aged 18+.

We follow an education programme provided by Toastmasters International – a global non-prof t organisation with 330,000+ volunteer members. Swavesey Speakers is a new community club that only started in February 2019 and, although we regularly have around 10 to 15 people at each meeting, we're always looking for new members and always welcome guests.

A major benef t is that this isn't a standard training course where you go somewhere unfamiliar, learn something new and don't get to practice it, potentially losing the skills you learned. This is an all-inclusive programme where you participate in every meeting, whether you give a speech, write the ideas for the impromptu speech session or keep the meeting on schedule as the timekeeper.

We are supported by members of other Toastmasters clubs in the area, including Hunting-donshire Speakers Club, which chartered 10 years ago. Our meetings have people who have been in Toastmasters for a few weeks to over 10 years. You can be comfortable knowing there is likely to be someone else at a similar level of experience and there is always someone else to learn from.

The people who come to our club are from many backgrounds with a mutual goal - to improve their public speaking skills.

We meet twice a month, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Memorial Hall in Swavesey at 7pm in the meeting room. There is the occasional change of venue in Swavesey so check before coming along. It's free to come as a guest to see if you like it. If you decide to join membership works out at around £10 a month and we provide TEA AND BISCUITS!!

How to get involved

Give Faye a call/text on 07908 443610 or email swaveseyspeakers@gmail.com. More information on the club can be found at www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or Toastmasters International at www.toastmasters.org.

NOW AND THEN

Your SCC News is being written on the last day of our programme for 2018/19. Tonight we will meet for our Annual Dinner and Prize-giving, once again in the pleasant surroundings of Bourne Golf Club. This is always a very enjoyable social evening, especially as members are encouraged to bring along their partners. After this we will not meet again until the Autumn; our new programme starts on Sept 5th. However, those who are already members won't have to wait so long; we can catch up on all our friends a week earlier when we will meet in our President's garden for our Annual Barbecue.

Our f rst meeting at the college is our Welcome Evening, a free event to which you are all invited,, for drinks, snacks, photo-shows from some of our members, and an opportunity to meet us all and discover what a friendly club we are. Everyone can come along, just as you can to our Exhibition; maybe we can tempt you to join us. One doesn't need any expertise to join, we have plenty of room for beginners, improvers, semi-professional photographers; all you need is an interest in photography, and of course your photographs cannot fail to improve with all you will learn from our lectures and our more experienced members.

At our Welcome night our new programme for 2019/20 will be revealed so as yet it its not possible to tell you of all the interesting evenings Ray has planned for us. However he has let us know that our special event for this session will be a visit from Damien Demolder, 15 years editor of Amateur Photographer who writes regularly for many other photographic journals. Ray tells us that "although he specialises in Street Photography, he also shoots portraits, landscapes, architecture, natural macro, and occasionally wildlife and weddings." Sounds like an interesting evening.

Anita, our Outings organiser, has already proposed visits to Cromer, Peterborough Cathedral, Hamerton Zoo, Titchwell and Snettisham Reserves for the birds; our f rst outing in the Autumn will be to Cambridge for a night shoot.

If any of this intrigues you, please come along on Sept 5th and f nd out more.

Mo Hadf eld
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Stargazing

If anyone is keen on stargazing, whether a beginner or more experienced and would like to connect particularly for support and safety in dark areas please do get in touch.

caroline.wilson37@btinternet.com

or 01954 230939

Hale Road Allotments

I am writing this on June 13th following a week of torrential downpours and the forecast is for the rain to continue until the weekend, by the time this is printed the weather will have improved and the rain forgotten.

The months before June we experienced really nice dry weather when we could get on with planting out seeds or plants grown in greenhouses or poly tunnels.

As one of the original allotmenteers, I am now getting used to the cycle of planting and cropping. Although this year I was a bit late in getting things started, I am pleased to see that carrots and beetroot sown in April are showing through and I expect a decent crop again. Other allotmenteers around the site, all well ahead of me, will harvesting soon- in particular potatoes. I know of someone who has already picked a few for his Sunday dinner.

We would like to welcome the new allotmenteers to the site, it was good to see several new growers working diligently trying to get their plot ready for planting, it is always dif cult to start from scratch, and it takes time.

When we f rst started, I can remember thinking this is easy, however I did not allow for the amount of time weeding. Two weeks ago, the committee did the bi-annual "WEEDWALK", an evening where we can comment on the plot conditions. Happily only a couple of plots required a small reminder of the "need to weed".

I was myself panicking the week before and spent several hours pulling up weeds and spraying, although I regard myself as semi-experienced allotmenteer, we can all get behind.

Moving into the summer and with warm weather expected we will again grow some amazing produce. We would like to share some of our experiences with the residents of Swavesey and we will be having a produce sale in September at the allotment site.

The last two years our sale has generated funds for the upkeep of the allotment as well as showing of Hale Road site. Taste for yourselves fresh home grown vegetables, fruits, along with jams and various chutneys.

July will see some of the village college students given an opportunity to take part in some allotment activities, it gets them outside and away from the slog of exams and lessons. Hopefully they will gain from the experience of where and how vegetables and fruit are grown. This is an ongoing project and we know from previous years the students really enjoyed their time at the allotment.

Finally, if you feel you are ready to take on an allotment site contact Russell Fear, Chair of Hale Road Allotments. There is a waiting list, but plots do come up from time to time. From the f rst day I took the plot on until today I have enjoyed every minute, meeting new people, learning how to grow plants and vegetables learning how to weed, and overall get immense enjoyment telling my family constantly, and to their great annoyance, at the Sunday dinner table, "I grew that at the allotment"

Martin J
Plot 17

Beetroot, bacon and cheddar bread scrolls (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients

500g strong bread f our
7g sachet fast action yeast
2 tsp caster sugar
4 sprigs rosemary leaves, chopped
Salt

Filling

6 rashers streaky bacon, chopped
140g grated cheddar
250g cooked beetroot, grated

Method

Mix the f our with the yeast, sugar and rosemary and 1½ tsp salt. Add 325 ml warm water, mix to a dough then knead for 10 minutes. Return to the bowl, cover with clingf lm and leave to rise for 2 hours or until doubled in size. Meanwhile, fry the bacon until crisp then drain on kitchen paper. Line a 30 X 20 cm rectangular tin with baking parchment.

When the dough has risen, knock it back then roll into a rectangle approx. 35 X 45 cm. Spread with the grated beetroot then the cheese. Sprinkle the bacon over the top.

Starting from one of the long edges, tightly roll the dough into a long sausage shape then cut into 8 pieces. Place these in the tin, cover again loosely with oiled clingf lm and leave to rise until doubled in size. Heat the oven to Gas 6 or 200 ^{0}C. Remove the clingf lm and bake for approx. 40 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm with a bowl of soup.

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

We're mindful that 'the lakes' have provided access to the countryside for local people for decades, and the RSPB has supported the continuation of this since acquiring the site, with the addition of routes to get closer to the lakes and the maintenance of surfaces to standards beyond that required of the County Council.

Alongside our continuous efforts to improve the reserve for wildlife is our ongoing work in evolving the lakes from being a disused quarry to being a wonderful, wild and natural wetland that's accessible to all.

And later this year we'll be making further improvements in the central area close to the car park. As well as re-surfacing the worn-out stretch of road near the car park and welcome area, we'll be adding a seamless, hardened and level pedestrian route from the disabled parking spaces to the water's edge at the nearby picnic and viewing area. We'll also be adding a few subtle features to make crossing the track here as safe as possible, such as adding a contrasting crossing point and some extra signs.

The 'welcome' area and car park back in 2014

This latest piece of work has been made possible by a grant from **the A14 Community Fund**, a fund managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, who we would like to thank.

We have received support from the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

Get involved….

Willow Weaving Workshops

Join us to learn how to use willow harvested at the reserve for weaving.
Sunday 8th Sep, 10am-4pm: Garden obelisk
Sunday 8th Dec, 10am-4pm: Christmas decoration
Booking required.

Stargazing

Join experts from the Cambridge Astronomical Association on a stargazing evening at the lakes.
Saturday 12th Oct, 8:30-9:30pm. Booking required.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of each month. There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others. Walkers meet at the main car park, leaving at 10:15am.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
Phone: 01954 233260

Visit **rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes**

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

RSPB Huntingdonshire Local Group

The group welcomes Charlie Kitchin (a warden and a site manager for over 30 years at the RSPB) to talk about birdlife and management of the Nene Washes .
His interesting talk is about: History of Fens drainage and creation of the washes - Key wildlife and how the RSPB manages the habitat - Archeology of the Fens.
Wednesday 25th September at **7.30pm** in St Ives Free Church . Entry for non-members is £4.

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A Glance at the Past in August and September

From the Cambridge Chronicle

1776, 24 Aug. Windmill. To be sold or let and entered into immediately, a very good accust. Corn Windmill at Swacey, Cambs., with a pair of French stones and a pair of Peak stones, and a f our mill in the mill.

1781, 19 Sept. Poaching. Warning that trespassers on Manors of Swavesey and Hobbledods & Bennets, will be prosecuted. Gamekeepers and Tenants to exercise great vigilance. Thomas Cockayne, Lord of the Manor

1799, 31 Aug. Enclosure Notice. Application is intended to Parliament in the next Session to bring in Bill to obtain an Act for dividing, allotting and exonerating from Tithes the several Open Fields, Commons, Meadows, Lammas & Midsummer Grounds and other waste grounds in the Parish. Edward Randall, Steward of the Manor of Swavesey.

1837, 5 Aug. Sale of The George Public House. Lot 3 – Freehold with a tenement in the High Street. Lot 4 – Valuable Rights of commons belonging to Lot 3.

1841, 25 Sept. Foundation Stone of New School. Next Tuesday the ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of the new school for 100 boys & 100 girls will take place.

1852, 21 Aug. Horticultural Society Established. The f rst Show is f xed for Thursday next, and will be holden at the National School, by permission of Rev. J. Walton. Mr. Wickham of the Swavesey Brewery is the acting Hon. Secretary and will be happy to give any information required.

1856, 6 Sept. Cucumbers. New trade, vast quantities of cucumbers are now grown and sent by railway every day to London. One f rm in the parish cultivates 34 acres of cucumbers.

1857, 5 Sept. Harvest Home. The completion of a bountiful harvest was celebrated on Friday 28th ult. By Mr. Long in a joyous manner. There was a procession headed by a waggon drawn by f ve pair of horses ridden postillions, all decorated with f owers; at the Manor House a feast was prepared for great & small and a day and evening of hearty thankful enjoyment passed.

1863, 26 Sept. Excursion. 72 people travelled on the 1st railway excursion from Swavesey to Yarmouth, although it was showery. They enjoyed the 'Yarmouth Beef'. Arrived back about 2 a.m. the next morning.

1865, 16 Sept. Harvest Festival. On Sept 12th there was a Choral Service at the Church. The pillars were decorated with sheaves of wheat, barley & oats. Rev. W. G. Searle, Vicar of Oakington gave the sermon. Collection raised £5-2-6½ for Addenbrooke's Hospital.

1866, 4 Aug. Crystal Palace Excursion. On Monday last eleven of the First Class boys of the Night School went with the Rev. Sharpe & Mr. G. Long by the Huntingdon excursion to see the Palace Grounds.

1873, 27 Sept. Fire on Christopher Parson's farm, destroyed all his corn. Caused by sparks from a steam threshing machine. The loss amounted to £2,000. Mr. Prior's premises adjoining were partially destroyed.

1880, 25 Sept. Mr. Docksey of Manor Farm on Saturday last gave a good substantial dinner to about thirty of his harvest men, at the White Horse.

1884, 19 Sept. Primitive Methodists anniversary service held last Sunday in the Chapel. Sermon given by Rv. A. Morten. On Wednesday a public tea given by Miss Thoday, Jellings, Brooks, Payn, Ding & Andrews. There was a good attendance.

1885, 7 Aug. Firemen's Refusal. A f re broke out in a thatched roof cottage owned by Mrs. Papworth, occupied by Jabez Parish jun. as a shoemaker's shop. The village f remen refused to deal with it and the engine was taken back to the shed. Consequently, three tenements, one a good brick and slate building occupied by Mrs. Wm. Thorpe was destroyed. The f remen were not paid by the Assurance Of ce for the last f re. Supposed that the f re was intentional.

1899, 22 Sept. Good Record. Quiver certif cates were awarded to four teachers at the Bethel Chapel Sunday School for twenty or more years' service in one Sunday School, Mr. & Mrs. T. W. Carter, Mr. S. Hayes and Mr. B. Prior.

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An amazing insight into Magpas

Each year the Trustees of the Galons Charity donate some of their fund to charities that they believe are helping the people of Swavesey, and this year decided to give to Magpas to help them continue their life-saving operations with the Air Ambulance. The outcome of this was an invitation to visit the Magpas base to learn more about their work.

It was a beautiful afternoon on May 14th when we arrived at a back entrance of the Wyton airbase. Magpas operate out of unimpressive buildings in what appears an unloved area of the airf eld that has become a haven for wildlife. We were disappointed when we arrived that there was not a helicopter to be seen but were quickly revived with cof ee and biscuits in the jovial atmosphere created by the Magpas co-ordinator Sarah Greene.

Sarah informed us that the helicopter crew were out on an emergency and as usual nobody knew how long it would be before they returned, but there were several members of staf still on the premises who came in to talk to us about various aspects of the organisation.

We learnt that doctors join Magpas to gain experience of working in a non-surgical environment. Medics from the armed forces come to help them prepare for conditions similar to those that they may encounter on the battlef eld. Some people volunteer because Magpas has played a signif cant role in saving a loved one and sometimes volunteers like the job so much they stay on and join the permanent staf . Training is intense - each mission f own (which can be 4 or 5 a day) includes a highly trained paramedic and doctor each bringing their own expertise to provide life-saving skills, including open heart surgery to the patient, possibly at the roadside and with no backup of hospital facilities.

We were introduced to a good looking dummy who was reclining on a stretcher beside us. Although he appeared good for nothing except lying down he was extremely useful for training as he could be used to replicate all kinds of medical situations but even he has been superseded by a later model costing over £35,000 who can be operated on and recover as required.

It was nearing the time for our visit to end and as we went outside into the sunshine to inspect the paramedics vehicle, used at night when f ying is dif cult, right on cue we could just make out in the distance a small bee-shaped object, in a couple of minutes the clatter of rotors was overhead and then this huge orange life-saver landed just metres away from us as daintily as a butterf y on a f ower.

When the post-landing formalities were over, we were able to get up close and personal to this magnif cent new machine. Costing £6 million it is larger than its predecessor and has room for the casualty to be placed in the middle so that treatment can be given from both sides, as well as a relative's seat – so important especially when the patient is a child. A bank of screens has replaced levers, pedals and dials to help the pilot to f y and land more safely.

Furthermore, when we visited, we were informed about the 12 month funding Magpas has received from the A14 Community Fund and the PostCode Lottery to fund a paramedic to go out into the community to train people on basic CPR and def brillator use. This is their 'Hearts Matter:Community CPR' initiative which is available to schools, businesses and community groups. We followed this up and arranged two free sessions for residents in Swavesey. They were both very success-ful with 8 people attending on 31st May and 20 people attending on 12th June.

We left the base not only thankful for an enjoyable and interesting visit but full of admiration for the people who provide and maintain this vital service and realising how privileged we are in this area.

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Over Day Centre Celebratory Bike Rides, Sunday 16th June 2019

Willingham Wheels Cycle Club with help from Swavesey & Over Cycling Group organised two donation bike rides on Sunday 16th June, for the Over Day Centre - a joint celebration of 10 years of both cycle clubs and the Day Centre 5-pub challenge walks. It proved to be a very popular Fathers' Day activity, with 63 family members (a third children) and 85 cycle-club riders from several local villages enjoying the event.

The ride for serious riders followed a route from Over including Hilton, Bourn, Old Wimpole, Shepreth, the notorious Chapel Hill, Barton, Girton and Cottenham amongst villages, of 52 miles. Families and casual riders followed the cycleway from Over to the guided busway, to enjoy a cake & drink stop at the St.Ives bus terminus, to then return, a total of 8.5 miles. Both rides, with back-up maintenance and f rst aid, were designed by a British Cycling Route Planner, involved nearly 200 yellow route signs! All riders returned, so no one was lost!

Both rides ended at The Green, Over, where riders and families enjoyed a lively social event with live music from 'Mystery Train' and Cat Pawsey, ice creams, burgers and hot dogs, a bar and a wide range of refreshments. All donations and proceeds will go to the Over Day Centre, to help maintain and enhance services for older people in local villages. We anticipate around £3,500 will be raised, once all costs have been met, so a big thank you to everyone who took part. We are also most grateful to our sponsors and helpers : Law & Lewis; Redmayne, Arnold & Harris; Penleigh Cycles; Ralph Design; Tesco Community Champions; Chef Central; Histon Produce; Carl Verrecchia; John Sisk & Sons; Fen Edge Community Association; Over St. Mary's Scout Group; and Over Parish Council. And, a big thank you to all volunteers who gave so generously of their time.

A few quotes from riders and families show the popularity of this villages' community event : 'We heard the music so ran straight round with the kids and enjoyed listening to some very good live music and ate some ice cream! Got to love village life'.

'Another great village event, organised to fundraise for a local charity. Well done to the people who organised it and took part'.

'A great event for a great cause'. 'Great village atmosphere'

'It brought back memories of lots of great times in my childhood like sports days, Ampy & Jef , and the carnivals. Well done to everyone who organised today'.

'We took part in this fundraising cycle event and had a fantastic day. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it so good. Lovely to have so many opportunities to raise funds for worthy local causes. Of to bed early as my legs ache now!!'

'A big thank you. A great ride –well organised, well signed and a great route. Looking forward to doing more'.

'Great community spirit all to raise funds for a fantastic village facility'.

Many thanks again to everyone involved.

Swavesey Festival

6th to 13th June 2020

The Festival is well underway in its planning stages with under a year to go!

At the end of June, The Pantaloons completed another excellent performance of Sense & Sensibility on Market Street Green.

Looking forward we have The Enchanted Cinema on Swavesey Village Green which will be showing "Bohemian Rhapsody" on Friday 20th September. With a bar at the Pavilion and live acoustic music, enjoy this fabulous f lm with digital wireless headphones under the stars! Starts at 7pm with the f lm on at 8.15pm. Tickets are £12.50 per person and can be booked by contacting the Festival on 07721 761456 or via our Facebook Page. Bring your own Chairs, Picnic Rugs and Blankets

In December we are hoping to bring back the tradition of the Children's Christmas Disco to be held at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 8th December.

After the success of the 1940's Café in 2018, it's back by popular demand next year on Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th June. The theme is Phileas Fogg and so you'll see many entertaining things from around the world. This should be a welcome pit stop whilst you visit the Open Gardens over 2 days not 80 . (If you have any interesting decorative items from around the world that would look good in the café, do get in touch with Nicole on 01954 201061.)

The 100 Club is a continual fundraiser for the Festival and for the f rst time since it started we have 100 members We are in the process of changing this to a 200 Club. If you are feeling lucky and would like to join, the cost is £9 per quarter and has a monthly draw of 3 prizes (£60, £30 & £15). The application form can be downloaded from http://swavesey-festival.co.uk/100-club if you would like further details.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook, Website and Twitter Feed for further news of up and coming events.

The Festival 2020 Committee
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Swavesey Festival 100 Club

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Armed Policing Museum

Police Commissioner commends Armed Policing Museum as a ‘gem’ of the Fens. Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite visited the Armed Policing Museum in Chatteris today to f nd out more about some of the great work going on at the Museum.

Opened to the public in January, the Museum is dedicated to the history of armed policing and showcases the use of f rearms going back to the 1600s. It also has a virtual f ring range to show how police of cers are tested in real-life situations.

There is a large range of seized weapons and f rearms to help warn young people about the potential consequences of gang culture and carrying weapons.

The site is located next to the UK headquarters of the Police Firearms Of cers Association (PFOA) now supports 8,000 f rearms of cers nationally. The PFOA is managed by serving and retired police of cers with years of experience of ering support for of cers and their families.

Mark Williams, Chief Executive of the PFOA said: “It was a pleasure to host the Commissioner today. We are thrilled to have our wonderful museum and PFOA headquarters in Chatteris. We’re in such a great place to engage with local communities and educate people on the dangers of gun and knife crime.”

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite said: “To have such a rich resource in our county is truly wonderful. The museum not only tells the story of the use of f rearms through the years, it is doing incredibly important work, educating communities and young people in particular about the consequences of carrying guns.

“I encourage everyone to take the time to visit.”

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White Light. By Andy Kent.

Andy, who lives in Swavesey, runs Andy's Kars in Bar Hill with his family. His wide experience of life includes recovering from a life-threatening cerebral haemorrhage, a gruelling fund-raising walk spanning the length of the country and founding his own charity to help disadvantaged youths to develop skills and f nd employment. In his book "White Light" he shares his darkest moments with honesty and humour. For details of the book see www.adgkpublishing.com. Tania Verdonk of Spirus Marketing conducted the following interview.

Why did you write this book? I wanted to say thank you. To my family – my wife Jan, my children and grandchildren, to all the people who have played a part in my life. This is a tribute to them. I've wanted to get it all down for years, so it's a great feeling to have f nally got it all of my chest!

Why do you feel it's important? So many people are f ghting invisible battles every day – with their bodies, their minds, their circumstances – and most of the time, you wouldn't have a clue about any of it just by looking at them. These hidden challenges, like dif culties with speech or movement, or psychological issues, mean people need our support. That's what I've always tried to do, give people a chance when no-one else will, and try to show them that there's always another way. Whatever your circumstances I truly believe that life is always worth living – and that they can make it happen. I love giving people back their independence in the work I do with vehicle adaptations, and I just hope that reading this book will show people that there's always hope.

What do you want people to take away from the book? That there's always a reason to live, to make the most of what you have. No, life doesn't always go to plan, but with a bit of respect, motivation and self-reliance, we can achieve anything. That's what I want people to know – that no matter what life has thrown at them, no matter how bad things have got, there is always a way forward, there is always something worth living for.

The book is a very personal account of your life – how does your family feel about it? They've been incredibly supportive, and they completely understand why I needed to write it. They've read every word (and even contributed some of their own!) so although some of the memories are painful and, yes, very personal, I know that I have their blessing to tell this story.

A Swavesey Festival 2020 Event
Sense & Sensibility
Performed by The Pantaloons

The last Friday in June saw the welcome return of the theatre company "The Pantaloons" to give us their unique take on Jane Austen's "Sense & Sensibility". This was Jane Austen's f rst novel, originally published anonymously in 1811 "by a lady". Set in a society that believes you "win" by marrying the person with the most money, it is the story of Elinor and Marianne Dashwood. One is calm and realistic to the point of appearing cold while the other is ruled by her emotions. With their trademark humour and witty improvisation, they kept their audience of some two hundred people spellbound as the sun set over Market Street Green on a balmy evening with birds calling softly in the trees. Thanks are due to those who (involuntarily) donated wine and cake and apologies to our passing local tractor drivers who must have been a bit bemused by being confronted by a boisterous matron charging from the stage. The full Swavesey Festival returns next summer, and I suspect the Pantaloons will be returning again. Thanks to all who supported this event.

Simon Shore

LifeLab is coming!
Join us on 27th and 28th September to make new discoveries

You're living in a global centre for new discoveries. In our area, right now, people are f nding ways to personalise medicine for each patient; they're measuring how obesity could af ect your children, discovering new ways to help our bodies f ght disease and much more.

Friday 27th and Saturday 28th September are your chance to make your own breakthroughs, when LifeLab will transform shopping centres, cafes, bars and public spaces around Cambridge, Peterborough and Ely into discovery zones for all ages. For these two days, the people making these discoveries will be popping up all across the local area to share what they've found with you. And the best part is, most of it is free!

There will be activities to appeal to all tastes and ages; whether you like to get hands-on, listen to talks, or enjoy a comedy night, there's something for you, your friends, and family. Above all, there will be plenty of chance for you to share your opinions and ideas as you chat to the people making exciting discoveries happen.

LifeLab events will give you access to researchers from f ve world-leading research organisations: the Wellcome Sanger Institute, the EMBL European Bioinformatics Institute, the Babraham Institute, the University of Cambridge, and the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology.

We're currently working hard to f nalise a stimulating range of activities and the full programme of events will be announced in early August.

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Cambridge Open Art Exhibition 2019 – Swavesey Village College

This year we have an Artist in Residence, Shane Swann, whose work is dedicated to raising awareness of what is being called the Holocene Extinction, an on-going extinction period mainly due to human activity.

The exhibition continues to grow and, through its non-selective process, is committed to giving up-and-coming artists the opportunity to exhibit alongside professionals. This year's Top Twenty artists will go forward to exhibit at Storey's Field, Eddington.

The exhibition opens with the preview on Friday 11th October 6.30-9pm and continues Saturday 12th October 10am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Visitors enjoy free entry and there will be art activities for children over the weekend as part of The Big Draw; a café selling homemade items with all proceeds going to the charity, Wintercomfort; artist stalls selling cards, small gifts and unframed work; commission free sales; the chance to Win-a-Picture and vote for the People's Choice Award as sponsored by HMC Framing Ltd.

The organisers also encourage students to be involved in all aspects of raising the exhibition, welcoming visitors and interviewing artists and judges.

Preparations are already underway for COAX 2020 Vision at the prestigious opening of f rst phase of the educational campus at Northstowe next year.

We are a volunteer, not-for-prof t group running COAX. If you are interested in the visual arts and would like to support the group's commitment to encouraging creativity in young people and supporting local artists, why not sponsor an award? **Go to www.coax.org.uk**

Cambridge Open Art Exhibition, Swavesey Village College, CB24 4RS,
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Sometimes time separates, sometimes it brings soulmates together

My name is Geri, I grew up on the Black Sea, in a big city on the Bulgarian coast. I may not live there now, but I always wear the sunny smile from Bourgas, my birth town. In Bulgaria Bourgas is known as the 'Soul of the Sea' for its numerous summer cultural events and festivals. I grew up with music, dances and theatre. My childhood was a happy one, with sand in my hair and the moon silently following me.

When I f rst left my birth town for university, I was 18 years old. I didn't realise it at the time, but I was turning a new page of my life, I was making the f rst steps towards adulthood and building my personality. I was afraid of the unknown but at the same time I was very excited about making new acquaintances and maybe meeting the love of my life at the University of Veterinary Medicine.

I still remember my f rst day at university. I was confused and lost. I was wandering through the large corridors trying to f nd my way out of this labyrinth. ''I do not know anyone, Mom and Dad are not with me', I kept telling myself, when right at that moment I met a boy, his name was Evgeni. He was also lost, and we found the way together. We exchanged smiles. For a moment I liked him, but time separated us back then, we fell into dif erent student companies and groups.

Evgeni dreamt of becoming a vet since he was 6 and he would spend all his free time and school vacations helping on the grandparents' farm. He loves horses. Thanks to his ambitions and dedication he had won the sole exclusive scholarship covering his university studies, so he was already well known to our professors. Later on, he got the opportunity to do work experience in equine clinic in Newmarket. He was someone I looked up to, an example of how ef orts, hard work and smarts bring success, as in the mother who tells her children "He who studies will succeed".

Unfortunately, while I was still at university my mom got terminally ill. My whole world turned upside down. I had to commute often between my university town and Bourgas, attending lectures and exams and taking care of my sick mom, watching her succumb to the illness. My eyes pounded with pain, I was too young and inexperienced. I needed, and I still need her loving hands. On her dead bed she was tortured that I was not married, and she would never see me as bride. I was single at that time but to soothe her, on her last days I randomly picked a picture of a boy on a horse. My mom loved horses for their powerful inspiration for life. I showed her the picture and I said "Mom, this is the man of my life and I will be marrying him". With a tranquil smile on her face she then departed from this world, on 18 June. It was as if it was yesterday. This was my most kept secret to this day!

The boy on the picture was Evgeni and I had never imagined that I would marry him one day, just as I had told my mom. Fast forward few months, it came time for the destiny to bring us together. On one December Day Evgeni called me from England as I walked alone on the beach. He told me that my mother appeared in his dream, they talked about me, about horses. He had never met her in person before.

Scenes from my life f ashed across the sky. In each, I noticed good and bad footprints in the sand. I believed him; a crystal tear rolled from my eye . That's how our long-term relationship of true love started. Later on I became a bride, and we brought two wonderful children to the world- Ivan and Michelle.

Time heals and now Swavesey is our happy place to live. And there is a star in the sky – the one of my mother who watches over us and brings us the warm motherly breath of the Black Sea from Bourgas. 'Sea is not f ction and happiness exists' says Hristo Fotev, a poet from Bourgas.

Geri and Evgeni, Priory Avenue.

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WHERE I GREW UP

A Wild Welsh Childhood by Mo Hadf eld, nee Grif ths

"Sex and Drugs and Rock and Roll and lots of it" is what our editorial panel is hoping for to make this series interesting. No chance, Selwyn. Nothing like that in North Wales when I was growing up.

It is the land of *Aled*, not *Tom* Jones. That stuf all happened in South Wales where it was reputedly straight to the pub on Friday payday. In North Wales you saved your money up to buy a car, and to send your children to Teachers' Training College.

We lived in a village on a hill, in a house inherited from my father's parents. Built in 1834 from local stone, it had large rooms with high, moulded ceilings, marble f replaces, a magnif cent black iron stove in the kitchen, several outhouses and a large orchard. The house was full of my grandmother's beautiful Victorian furniture, including a huge Welsh dresser in which I could hide when small. However, with all that style we had no electricity, just gas for cooking, and lamps hanging from the ceiling which you had to light with a match, trying not to poke through the mantle. The house was on a long lane leading out of the village, behind a 5-barred gate; at the end was a wooden stile leading to the pastures of the local farm.

The village had an equal number of chapels and pubs, the latter closed on Sundays, so then everyone went to Chapel and sang their hearts out, which sounded better in Welsh. The surprisingly short main street had a Post Of ce, two Banks, three Butchers, Hairdresser, Barber, huge Hardware Store, Greengrocer's, Fishmonger's, Bicycle shop, Cobbler's, Tinsmith's, two Bakers, two Grocers, a Fish and Chip shop, two Drapers/Outf tters, two Cinemas, and at least f ve Tobacconist/sweet shops, and a large open grassy bank on which we had the travelling fair once a year. We also had a Health Clinic where we were marched from school in a crocodile, lined up in a row to have our compulsory jabs, and to see the terrifying School Dentist who pulled out my f rst wobbly tooth, and threw it into the drain where the tooth fairy couldn't f nd it.

Our house was fully equipped, but only with my grandmother's household tools, so we were in an Edwardian time-warp. Being without electricity meant no vacuum cleaners, washing machines, fridges, gramophones but we did have a radio, which ran of batteries. One of these was acid f lled and, astoundingly, it was my job even as a small girl to carry this glass jar of acid on its wire handle to the bike shop to be recharged. Washday was a nightmare, with a coal-f red boiler for the sheets, dolly tubs, a huge mangle with wooden rollers, Robin Starch for the shirts and Reckitts Blue. Then the whole lot was lugged to the washing lines on the f eld outside, to run the gauntlet of the welsh rain. In my grandmother's time there had been a maid and a lady who came to help on washday, but now all young women were involved in War Work, so my poor mother struggled alone. We had to wait until after the war when my father paid to have electricity laid on.

No one seemed very concerned about the safety of children in those days. I played out alone from the age of three, took myself to and from school in the next village at four, and explored the countryside far and wide. There was plenty to interest us children: a river and a canal, lots of industrial relics from the old iron works, a huge slag heap from the closed pit now covered in lovely small silver birch trees (great for playing Cowboys and Indians), and two abandoned quarries - extremely dangerous with very high precipitous sides but irresistible to a small girl on her way home from school, with pussy willows and bubbling springs at the base of the clif s, making tiny streams in which to f oat sticks and leaves.

By this time we were at war. Being in the safe Welsh countryside it didn't alarm me at all. My father joined the Home Guard and did sentry duty on Telford's Aquaduct (the canals were a vital transport link in those days). I was sometimes lifted from my bed in the middle of the night to shelter in our under-stairs pantry while bombers f ew over on their way to Liverpool docks. Soon the village f lled with evacuees; we had two brothers from Everton, then a girl from Peckham. Before that the village had few outsiders, now we had Polish refugees; one became our GP. After that we had the American airmen in Chester; I was well brought up, so was strictly forbidden from asking if they had 'any gum, chum'. The next group to arrive was of friendly, cheerful Italian prisoners of war who charmed everyone, and helped on farms and in the local brickworks.

Then it was all over, very thin fathers came home from the Far East, the evacuees went home never to be heard from again, I went up to the Grammar School, then on to Liverpool University where I met my husband. (I came home for a weekend wearing the f rst pair of bluejeans ever seen in our village; unfortunately they didn't impress, caught two local girls giggling behind my back, what it is to be ahead of your time).

Update: Our woods have a 4-lane bypass running through them. The village team built a football ground on the f eld where my mother hung the washing; this was sold again and is now the Tesco car park. A local f rm bought my quarry and f lled it in with industrial waste. In the 60's someone bought our old house and changed the georgian sashes for cheap picture windows. Our orchard is now the car park for the village hall. The main street shops are mostly closed as are the two banks.

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OWLS Community Car Scheme provides a much needed and valued service to those people living in Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey who need to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys, but are unable to access other means of transport. Indeed, one of its regular customers recently called it ‘a lifeline’.

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1st Swavesey Scout Group: Summer Holidays

There is little to update you about our current activities as we are all on holiday!

We only run sessions during term time, this ensures no one misses sessions due to being away and gives everyone a rest before coming back at the start of term feeling refreshed and energised (although young people always seem to be full of energy)!

We tend to award badges at the end of each term for the work the young people have been doing. As you move up in age through the scouting movement it becomes much harder to earn badges.

Some of the Beaver activity badges can be earned in a single session; however, for Cubs and Scouts a similar themed badge may take several hours work. In addition to the many activity badges, each section has a set of Challenge Badges. These by def nition are dif cult and require work over a whole term. Once all Challenge (and at least 4 activity) badges have been earned the young person is presented the highest possible award in their section. For Beavers this is the Bronze Award; Cubs have the Silver Award; and Scouts aspire to the Gold Award.

It is a great pleasure to announce we have awarded three Bronze Awards to Beaver Scouts who have been working very hard within the section. Huge congratulations to Rory Evans, Brandon Boulton-Nathan and Nathaniel Cullan! Last term, the Cubs worked hard to earn their Environmental Conservation and Local Knowledge Badges; you may have seen them out on a very successful litter picking expedition!

Some of our young people are moving up a section at the start of this term – we wish you well on the continuation of your Scouting adventure. Sessions will start again in September, and there is plenty more badge work, along with loads of fun planned. The Cubs and Scouts are particularly excited to have the opportunity of a night away at the Sea Life Centre in late September! And on the 8th of October the A14 Mobile Unit will be visiting us all evening; they will be talking about the development works, traf c management and safety, and archaeological f nds.

All sections meet consecutively on a Tuesday evening, usually in the scout hut at the SVC, although you may see us on adventures around the village or further af eld. For more information or to enrol your child, please contact the appropriate section below:

Beavers (ages 6-8) marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

Cubs (ages 8-10½) janet.stones@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

Scouts (ages 10½ -14) jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

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Our College is passionate about working alongside the Community. If you have an involvement with the Arts in the Community or if you have any upcoming events that I could help with, please do get in touch.

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SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News May June 2019

At the AGM Parish Council Meeting Cllr Wright was appointed chair for a further year and appointments agreed for other posts and responsibilities.

COUNTY COUNCIL
The PC will continue to raise concerns about the use of the site in Middle Fen drove by Mick George Ltd with various authorities concerning environmental issues and will object strongly to planning applications extending the use of the site. The PC will arrange a public display of the planning application for public comment when received. Mick George has submitted an application to the Traf c Commissioner to operate lorries from the site. The PC has coordinated relevant objections to this proposal. A development arm of the company has suggested a meeting with the PC to discuss housing on the site. The PC are to decline the request as the view was that given the approval of the local plan the site is not appropriate.

The water main between Fen Drayton and Swavesey is continuing down Cow Fen and Lairstal Drove following the work across Market Street. Much of the new main has been tunnelled into position and avoided long open trenches. Work continues.

The PC raised concerns about potholes in and approaching the village. They also agreed with a resident that work was necessary to all Parish footpaths. The one to the South of Market Street requires attention and the crossing from the exit from Church Green and the step up from the road to the footway to the guided bus requires attention to allow for a safe crossing.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
Concern continues about the state of the Hale Road byway and other byways and discussions continue as to how to maintain these into the future.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME
The PC continues to monitor the impact of traf c on the village and concerns about the junction and road closures, and is aware of residents' particular problems which are taken up with the A14 team

VILLAGE MATTERS
Cllr Hannah Parish and the Clerk met with a charity 'Frog Life' who will work with the PC to improve our ponds and use them to inform us on all aspects of the life within them. A grant submission is being prepared by the Froglife Charity. Letters of support for the project are requested from village organisations,

A Memorial Garden including relocating a red telephone box and providing a new bus shelter will be established next to the Memorial Hall. Planning permission has been received and progress with renovating and moving the red telephone boxes is in hand.

The PC is to work with other Parishes to promote 'Timebanking', a sharing of Skills, in the village.

The PC agreed to a request for a grant from the Pavilion Trustees to provide new, sturdy furniture to support activities

The PC received a request to locate a skate park on the village green The PC were of the view that the green is used to the full and were lacking details from the resident about the proposal.

COUNCIL NEWS

COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT
Glyn Jones is leading a team to establish a community orchard for the village. The PC agreed to support the proposal to set up the orchard on Church Green. A lease agreement with the PC and the owner of the land is being worked out.

DRAINAGE
The Church Drain doors have been restored.

The PC is to press the Environment Agency to clear both the Turnbridge Drain and Church End drains to avoid f ood situations.

PLANNING.
Various planning matters have been considered by the PC.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
Following consultation on The Village Design Statement is in May the analysis of the various thoughts received are being assessed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
The Village PCSO is arranging an NHW Workshop for Swavesey and the surrounding villages on Weds evening 31st July at the Memorial Hall. Hopefully when the Meridian is delivered more information will be known. The PC would encourage all interested residents to attend, We are seeking a coordinator for the village.

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Swavesey Community Heritage Orchard

Excellent news! We are very close to securing the agreement needed to start work on Swavesey's Community Heritage Orchard. We hope to start planting this autumn.

The orchard will be located on Church Green which is owned by the descendants of Dr Ford, who held his surgeries at The Manor in the 1960s/70s.

Church Green can be accessed by a Public footpath from Station Road and from Market Street / Cow Fen and has its own water supply.

Swavesey Parish Council have agreed to support the project by funding the annual rent and the cost of the lease.

A working group will be set up to manage the project.

We shall be working closely with Orchard East, an organisation funded by the Heritage Lottery fund and based in the School of History at the University of East Anglia (UEA). Orchard East will support the project by providing arboricultural advice and funding for the establishment of approximately 35-40 trees. The trees will be planted on the higher land on the Green to avoid damage from f ooding which can occur during the wetter periods. In addition to 'standard' trees we also plan to grow trees as cordons and espaliers on post and fencing.

The project of ers the opportunity for the community to engage in a new exciting project and to become familiar with some of the older cultivars of tree fruit which used to be grown in this region. We should also to have the opportunity to taste a range of fruit quite dif erent from those in the supermarket and to be trained in pruning techniques.

In addition to an orchard it has been suggested we could establish a wild f ower meadow and possible water habitat area.

This project will also of er the opportunity for children's groups in the village, including the schools, to take part and learn about the history of fruit tree cultivation in Swavesey, the importance of pollinators and biodiversity in general.

In late October / early November we shall need a lot of help digging holes to plant the trees!

There will also be opportunities for businesses, families and individuals to sponsor trees, bench seats, information boards, maintenance equipment etc over the next year or so.

For more information or to get involved in the project please contact Glyn Jones gj@2gsc.net or 07977 907622

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

The chaos in Westminster continues as I write this while it is decided who will replace Theresa May. But I am also involved in the selection of the next Conservative candidate to stand in a General election. A busy time but I believe in democracy and will work hard to uphold it.

The District Council is concentrating on the development of plans for Waterbeach and Bourn airf elds - unfortunately the planning department is losing many of the established staf and there are serious delays in decision making. There are plans to introduce a higher eco standard in all aspects of District Council control to make the district carbon neutral.

The Police and Crime Commissioner was present at a meeting I attended in Cambourne to seek ways in which the community can f ght drug and knife crime. I was really impressed that lead members of community groups expressed support and a plan was drawn up to provide up to date local information to enable the police to be more aware and take action. This included going on line using 'Cambs Police' and using the anonymous-report information button. No traceable information is available but it enables the police to build snippets of information into a full picture.

The Mick George lorries are still causing a problem to many villagers. Particular concern has been raised in relation to the road hump at Gibraltar lane that causes increased noise and vibration. This has been reported to the County Council but empty lorries are really a problem. Unfortunately, the company is complying with the necessary licences but the Parish Council are taking all possible steps to ensure that increased permissions are not granted.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help - phone me 01954 202923 or 07774 146331. Or email me at sue.ellington@virgin.net

Sue Ellington

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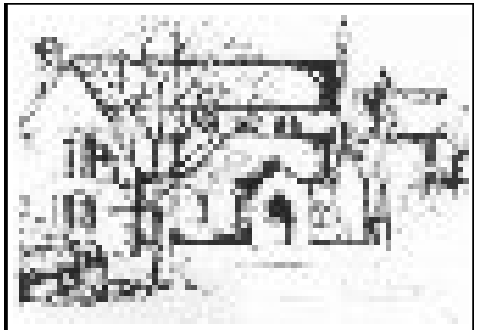

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For more information about the Holiday Club please contact the Church Administrator on 01954 230458 or admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

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The Parish Church
St Andrew, Swavesey

Children's Services

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For further details about children's activities, please contact:
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Contact Edie Robinson for more information - 07967635318.
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Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both the young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know what we are doing, please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader: Iain Campbell: Telephone: 01954 230019
Email: iainj.campbell@sky.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat.

The Parish Church
St Andrew, Swavesey

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2nd Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	Morning Worship
3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	All Age Service
5th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	Benefice Holy Communion

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St Andrew's Church Swavesey

St Andrew's Church News

When we held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday, April 28th, our two long serving Churchwardens, Iain Campbell and Martin Herrington stood down and two new wardens, Nicky Carne and Jacqui Fuller were elected to take their places. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Iain and Martin and their very patient wives and families for all their hard work and dedication to the church and the village community.

It is a time of new beginnings at St Andrew's as not only do we have new churchwardens and two new PCC members but we have also welcomed Simon Gill as our new Priest in Charge and by the time you read this, we hope that many of you will have had a chance to meet and speak to Simon.

As I write, work on the roof continues and if you are interested in the progress, do come and look at the display of photographs at the back of the church. The work should be completed by the end of July so by the time this copy of The Meridian arrives in your letterbox, the roof should be f nished and the scaf olding should be down. We will be holding a special Family Day on September 21st to celebrate the completion of all the work and to share our newly repaired building with you.

St Andrew's Church belongs to the whole village of Swavesey and we would love to welcome you to any of our services. The building is also available as somewhere quiet to sit and rest during the day or as a venue for concerts. events or meetings. Please contact the churchwardens if you have any queries about using the church.

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Progress on the roof renovation at St. Andrew's Church.

On becoming a Churchwarden of St. Andrew's Parish Church in May 2016, I faced the challenge of a church without a proper roof covering on both the chancel and north aisle after a series of lead thefts. The cost to replace the stolen lead was substantial especially as much damage had been done to the rainwater system and the stonework where the lead f ashings had been ripped out. We explored the options to fund the work and decided that the only real option was to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant. The application process is detailed and thorough and involves a two-stage process constituting a development phase where the work to be done is def ned and costed followed by a delivery phase where the contractors are appointed and the work begins. We submitted our application in May 2017 and were very grateful to hear that our application had been successful and we had received a grant in excess of £200,000. The investigation works as part of the development phase began in the winter of 2018 and def ned a long list of work that needed to be done in the roof areas of the church. The cost of the work far exceeded the Heritage Lottery Fund grant so a prioritisation process resulted in def ning the most essential work. Tenders for the work were obtained and a phase 2 application to do the work was submitted. Again we were grateful that this application was successful and the real work of repairing the roofs began in January of this year. Scaf olding soon appeared on the chancel external wall and also f lled the chancel making the altar inaccessible. A temporary altar was constructed in front of the rood screen.

The main contractors from Messenger Ltd appeared on the roof and work began re-boarding and levelling the chancel roof ready for installation of the terne coated stainless steel which was chosen as a modern substitute for lead. The skilled contractors set about cutting the steel rolls into sheets of steel and a new roof on the south side of the chancel took shape. As St. Andrew's is a grade 1 listed building, the joints between the sheets had to be rolled to give the appearance of a traditional lead roof. The south side of the chancel roof is complete and redecoration of the chancel has also been carried out to repair the damage caused by the ingress of water during the period the roof was covered in plastic sheeting. The walls received f ve coats of lime wash and the new LED lights give a clean and bright appearance to the chancel. During work on the north side of the chancel roof we unfortunately discovered that the wall plates which support the roof rafters were rotten, resulting in new oak beams being ordered and cut on site to replace the old wall plates. By the time the Meridian reaches your homes we are hoping that both the north side of the chancel and the north aisle roofs will be completed and the project will be nearing completion.

We will update you when the project is completed. We are extremely grateful for the help, advice and not least the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) without which this project would not have been possible. To celebrate the end of the work and in recognition of the help from the HLF, we are planning a Family Day at the church on September 21st, when it will be possible to see the new roof and to enjoy a host of family activities and entertainment. Please see the poster in the Meridian magazine. We welcome you all to visit the church as your village venue, not just for faith, but for the heritage displays, the many social events that we stage throughout the year and even Pilates.

Iain Campbell

Events in St Andrew's Church

Saturday, June 8th: Soft Toys Zipwire Challenge
Well done to the sixty-six brave soft toys (and their intrepid owners) who braved the wind and rain to take part in this year's challenge. All toys ascended and descended safely although the hot air balloon rides were moved inside the church for safety reasons. Refreshments were consumed and a variety of circus and fairground skills were practised including juggling, hula hooping and hooking the duck. Everyone seemed to have a good time and thank you to all of you who came and shared the fun.

Sunday July 14th, 21st, 28th, August 11th and 18th: St Andrew's Church Café
We hope that by the time you read this, you will have walked down to St Andrew's on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy a cup of tea or cof ee and a slice of cake whilst your children play in our new children's area or improve their juggling and hula hooping skills in the Lady Chapel games area. The café will be open on July 14th, 21st, 28th, August 11th and 18th. Make us part of your sunny Sunday stroll or bring your family for a piece of cake and a warm welcome on a cold August afternoon!

Sunday, August 4th: Wind in the Willows
Don't forget, the "This is my theatre" group which performed Alice in Wonderland in the church last summer will be presenting Wind in the Willows on Sunday, August 4th at 3pm. Refreshments will be available from 2pm.

Tickets can be obtained from www.thisismytheatre.com or 0773225311 or at the door. General tickets will cost: £10, Concessions: £8, Family ticket for four: £32.

Saturday, September 21st St Andrew's Family Day 2 - 9pm
Please come and help us celebrate the completion of the repairs to our roof. We are very grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for their grant towards replacing the stolen lead on our roof and would like to show you what has been achieved whilst the scaf olding has been up and the interior wrapped in plastic. There will be a range of activities for all ages and interests: wander around the churchyard and complete a scavenger hunt; climb the tower and check the roof close up; f nd out how the bells work; learn a little more about the history of this wonderful building, enjoy a barbecue or just sit and relax whilst you listen to some music. Please look at the poster in this copy of The Meridian for more details.

There will also be a craft competition based on producing an image or model of St Andrew's Church in any medium you care to choose, for example: paint, paper, Lego, fabric, knitting, cake... the possibilities are endless and the choice is up to you!

There will be three classes: Primary: Under 11; College: 11 – 16; Adults: 17 +

The entries must be brought to the church on Friday, September 20th by 6pm.

Entry forms may be obtained by emailing nicky_carne@hotmail.com or found at the back of the church.

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. See http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

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<tr><td>Army Cadet Force</td><td>Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Swavesey Spartans</td><td>Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17.
For information and enquiries please contact
Chairman - Gary Peet on 07976 359494
Secretary - Colin Baker on 07976 636771
Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 20497</td></tr>
<tr><td>1st Swavesey Scout Group</td><td>All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site
Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact: Marian Bentley Email: marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Janet StonesEmail: janet.stones@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact: Jim BurlingEmail: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
For any other Scouting issuesContact: Jim Burling
Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</td></tr>
<tr><td>Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre</td><td>Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Swavesey Music School</td><td>Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village CollegeOnly £3.00 per session. For further details see:
www.swaveseyms.co.uk</td></tr>
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Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Russell Fear on 01954 202846.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert Bond 01954 201645 RBL or robert.bond4@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	Located at Swavesey Village College. Swavesey Fenland Squash Club offers team, league and friendly squash matches and has clubnights, tournaments as well as racketball. For details contact Brian Chapman 07982 658614 Jamie Tuffee07807 968768 Chris Ramsdale 07906 671340 Details of the club including contact details can be found at www.fenlandsquash.co.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095.Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated If you need a lift: PHONE: Trevor Grange-01954 230119 or Pat Miles-01954 780485 GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year.New members always welcome.Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey Speakers	Develop your public speaking skills at this Toastmasters International club. Guests welcome! 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9pm (occasional venue change). More details: www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or call/text Faye on 07908 443610.
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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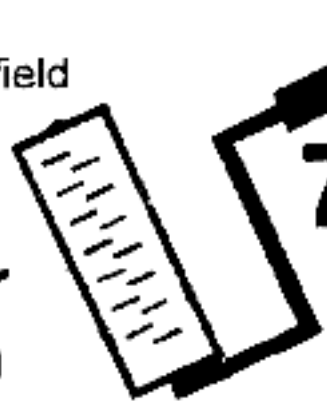

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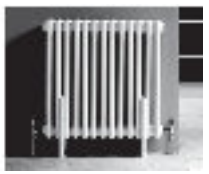

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